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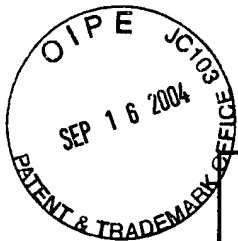
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1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
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1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
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1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	180.00
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1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))	
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	BD	JP-11-027517	01-29-1999	Sharp Corp.		A
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IMAGE REGION DISCRIMINATION

Examiner: P. L. Edwards

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